Black Money

19. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a calculation by the RBI, the black money factor in the parallel economy of the country is at least one third of the total gross domestic product at around Rs. 2 lakh crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the "hawala" transactions is one of the main factors in the generation of black money; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to curb the hawala trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Enquiries with the RBI have revealed that no such calculation has been made by them.

(c) and (d) Hawala transactions is one of the factors in generation of black money. Various enforcement agencies of the Government such as Enforcement Directorate, DRI, CBI and I.T. Deptt. have been taking appropriate action as per provisions of the law to curb the hawala trade.

Interim relief to Central Government Employees

20. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given Interim Relief to Central Government Employees twice pending the receipt of a report from the Fifth Pay Commission, if so, the details thereof, indicating the amount of interim relief given to the retired as well as working Central Government employees; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this interim relief as well as merger of 100% of DA into pay is not taken into account for the pension purpose and thousands of Central Government employees are facing hardship on this score?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir, The serving Government servants have been sanctioned first instalment of interim relief @ Rs. 100 p.m. w.e.f. 16.9.1993 and second instalment @ 10% of basic pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 100/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.4.95. The pensioners/family pensioners have been sanctioned interim relief of Rs. 50/- p.m. plus interim relief @ 10% of basic pension subject to a minimum of Rs. 50/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.4.95.

(b) Interim relief is allowed as a separate element in addition to pay in case of serving employees and pension in case of retired employees. The question whether this element should or should not form part of pay/pension shall depend on the final recommendations of the Pay Commission. Further, to provide relief to retiring Government servants, dearness allowance linked to average AICPI 1201.66 has been merged with pay for the purpose of gratuity.

विद्युत का उत्पादन और खपत

21. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में, विशेषत: गुजरात में, इस समय कितने मेगावाट विद्युत का उत्पादन होता है और इसकी कुल वार्षिक खपत कितनी है;

(ख) गुजरात सहित देश में राज्य-वार ऐसे संयंत्रों की संख्या कितनी है जहां उनकी अधिष्ठापित क्षमता से अधिक विद्युत उत्पादन हो रहा है;

(ग) क्या प्रमुख उपभोक्ताओं पर विद्युत कर की भारी राशि बकाया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस बकाया राशि की वसूली के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल: (क) दिनांक 18.2.96 की स्थितिनुसार देश में तथा गुजरात राज्य में उत्पादित विद्युत की मात्रा क्रमशः 52977 मेगावाट तथा 4792 मेगावाट है। वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान समुपयोजित की गई वार्षिक विद्युत की कुल मात्रा 23393 मि॰ यू॰ थी।

(ख) गुजरात समेत देश में राज्यवार विद्युत संयंत्रों, जहां 18.2.96 की स्थितिनुसार उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता की तुलना में अधिक विद्युत उत्पादित की जा रही है, का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:

राज्य/विद्युत केन्द्र	उत्पादन क्षमता (मेगावाट)	उत्पादन (मेगावाट)
1. गुजरात	144	148
उत्राण जीटी		
जीआईपीसीओ (निजी)	145	153
2. महाराष्ट्र	180	210
ट्राम्बे जीटी (निजी)		
3. मध्य प्रदेश	2100	2155
कोरबा एसटीपीएस		
4. आन्ध्र प्रदेश	1260	1271
विजयवाड़ा	2100	2117
रामागुंगडम		
एसटीपीएस		
5. तमिलनाडु	1050	1054
तूतीकोरिन		
6. उड़ीसा	210	218
इब घाटी		
7. मेघालय	11.2	18
उमत्रू		

(ग) और (घ) दिनांक 31.3.94 की स्थितिनुसार उपभोक्ताओं का विभिन्न श्रेणियों की तुलना में विभिन्न राज्य बिजली बोर्डों के संबंध में विद्युत शुल्क (अन्य राज्य करों समेत) के रूप में 20317 लाख रुपये की धनराशि बकाया है। बकाया राशि की वसूली के लिए संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाते है।

Power Shortage in Kerala

22. SHRI M.A. BABY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has drawn Government's attention to the acute power shortage being faced by the State and resultant powercuts causing serious difficulties to the people and demanded immediate steps to arrange additional allocation from the central pool; and

(b) if so, the proposals made by the Government of Kerala and the details of the response of Government to each proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) During the period April' 95 - January' 96, the energy and peaking shortage in Kerala was 13.6% and 21.8% respectively. According to KEB at present a 35% energy cut has been imposed on different categories of consumers. Government of Kerala as well as other States in the Southern Region have written to the Central Government for additional allocation for power from the central sector stations in view of the power shortage being faced by the States. Keeping in view the shortfall in the Southern region as a whole, allocations out of unallocated central sector power have been made to various State in the region. Also steps have been taken to maximise the generation at central sector stations viz Ramagundam STPS and Neyveli Lignite Corporation which are now generating more than the prescribed target.